

MR. BEVIN ISSUES A CALL "Leave Behind Methods Of Duress"

Dorothy Thompson Has Doubts

London, March 31.
Doubt as to whether the United States can ease the famine in Asia and Europe sufficiently is expressed in an article in the London Sunday "Observer" by Dorothy Thompson, famous United States journalist.
"I wish I could report that the American effort to ameliorate impending or actual famine in Europe and Asia was likely to be adequate even with our means, which are themselves inadequate," she writes.
"I do not believe that the American people are indifferent. On the contrary, private organizations, both religious and secular are meeting with great response in their efforts for food packages. But what between business pressures, unimaginative bureaucracy and a government that neither plans nor liberates, the good will and common sense of the American people are stifled."—Reuter.

Proposal For New Agreement

BRISTOL, MARCH 31.
MR. ERNEST BEVIN, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, SPEAKING HERE TONIGHT, REFERRED TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATIONS. HE SAID: "MAYBE THEY ARE DIFFERENCES OF TEMPERAMENT, MAYBE DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH. THEY MAY EVEN ARISE FROM THE FEAR OF FRESH ATTACKS. THEY MAY BE ACCENTUATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY. ALL THESE FACTORS TEND TO KEEP PEOPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND EVERYBODY ON TENTERHOOKS."
"WE WANT TO SEE AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS WE SHALL NOT USE ARMIES TO SETTLE OUR DISPUTES," HE SAID.

"I believe we shall all have to leave behind the method of negotiating under duress." "Where vital raw materials are concerned that may be the cause of great powers getting into conflict. Then we must establish better machinery to deal with that vital economic problem and not by the old method. To that end we in this country did all

we could to promote agreement on oil. And in that agreement, when it is ratified by the United States, provision is made for powers to control its exploitation and use including the consumers' point of view."
Mr. Bevin said that the position of Greece was difficult. "She lies between two great allies who have different points of view. She is subjected to external propaganda."

"On the point of the Greek elections, he continued: "I was asked for my advice as to whether these elections should be postponed. It was such a serious matter that I asked the Cabinet to look into it with me and we came to the unanimous conclusion that if we gave advice to postpone we should only perpetuate instability and the whole situation in Greece would deteriorate."
"As a result whatever happened under this head, it was clear that the Communists in Greece intended to boycott and upset the election. We think that was unfortunate."

19th Century Imperialism

Mr. Bevin said it was believed the E.A.M. would have got many seats in the election.
"They agreed originally to take part and not boycott it. If the party feels it cannot get a majority that is not justification for preventing other citizens from exercising their franchise."
"We in this country have had to fight our way through. We fought every election. And tomorrow Greece will go to the polls. I hope she will be true to her great traditions. If she ignores this effort to prevent her citizens voting it will be a great moral lesson to the world."

The Foreign Secretary continued with references to the U.N.O. Of arguments before the Security Council in New York, he said the basic principle was established that it is improper to negotiate or attempt to negotiate or obtain concessions by great power out of a little power by means of occupying the country with forces. It is 19th century imperialism.
"That really must be left behind and I believe the solution will be found and the principle will be accepted that those of us who represent the great powers will not do that."

Referring to the military staff committee of the U.N.O., Mr. Bevin said: "Their general use for military security is a vital thing but it will take some time with the best will in the world for the committee to work out their plans and come to complete agreement."

Mr. Attlee's Brilliance

Mr. Bevin said he hoped that the tremendous task taken in London on the formation of the Atomic Commission would not be underestimated. It would take time before there was complete confidence.

"What we are engaged upon at the end of a second world devastating war is to try and get into a position in which we will not think in terms of fear or terms of domination but in terms of how to prepare the ground that stage by stage confidence will grow and the world become united in one world organization."

Of the Cabinet mission to India, Mr. Bevin said: "I think it marked a complete change in imperial attitude towards dependent countries when Mr. Attlee made that brilliant speech on India and gave India her choice to remain in or go out."

"The only thing that compares to Mr. Attlee's declaration backed by the Government was the attitude taken in 1906 by the late Campbell-Bannerman when, after the war with South Africa, instead of suppressing their liberties, he treated the Union of South Africa and headed it back to them."

On the subject of Indonesia, Mr. Bevin had this to say: "I think the new step we are taking in Indonesia with the Dutch and Indonesians to promote a better peace process we are in advance of the times and are meeting this great growth of national feeling that has come up as a result of a new world feeling."—Reuter.

Royalty At Windsor Wedding

Windsor, March 31.
The King and Queen, Queen Mary, Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret and the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Harrowood today attended the wedding at Saint George's Chapel, Windsor of Miss Lavinia Lascelles to Major Edward Renton of the Black Watch.
The bride is the daughter of the King's private secretary, Sir Alan Lascelles, and Lady Lascelles. Sir Alan is a cousin of Lord Harrowood.
The King and Queen and other Royal guests signed the register in the vestry of the chapel. Afterwards there was a reception in the Waterloo Chambers of Windsor Castle, attended by the King and Queen and other members of the Royal family.—Reuter.

Atom Bomb Test On Land?

Washington, March 31.
A test of the atom bomb against simulated land armies has been considered, but the dread possibilities of this have weighed against such a project, leaving it on a highly tentative basis, it was disclosed yesterday.

United States army officials the joint army and navy task force preparing to try out the bomb against warships at Bikini Atoll, in the Pacific, disclosed at a press conference that there has been "some vague discussion, but no specific plan" for a test on land.

Major-General Leslie K. Groves, chief of the atom bomb production unit, was quoted as saying that because of the "dread possibilities" of the bomb it might be unwise to test it on land, but did not elaborate on this.

It is possible, however, that such a test may be made at some future date, said Major-General Anthony G. McAuliffe.
United States army officials said that among the preparations for the naval test an array of ground force material mounted on the decks of target ships would include 42 Pershing tanks, guns and ammunition of all type, and clothing. Some of the clothing will be worn by laboratory animals to simulate a soldier exposed to the blast.—Associated Press.

U.S. Orders Drastic Cuts

Washington, March 31.
Drastic cuts in feeding corn and other grains to livestock and poultry were ordered last night by the United States Department of Agriculture as a stop towards combating world famine.

The feeding of cattle is also to be limited and poultry food is reduced by 25 per cent on last year's figures.
Manufacturers of feedstuffs for human and animal consumption are to receive cuts of from 15 to 50 per cent in their corn allotments whilst it is forbidden for both stock-breeds and manufacturers to maintain corn stocks for over 45 days.
The order remains in effect until Sept. 30.—Reuter.

WORLD WANTS BREAD, NOT ADVICE

Atlantic City, Mar. 30.
Fiorenzo LaGuardia, in his inauguration address as new Director-General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, said yesterday he would seek food wherever he could find it, including Argentina, for world relief.

The fast talking former Mayor of New York city said the people of the world "want bread, not advice."
With a touch of scorn he waved a batch of resolutions passed during the two weeks of the Council meeting and asserted belittlingly, "I want ploughs, not typewriters. I want fast moving ships, not slow reading resolutions."

The world war, one veteran and former Congressman said, "What has no political complexion and I will say what I can find it."
LaGuardia explained, "Our job is to take food where we can find it and to take it to people who need it wherever they are." He looked at the delegates and

Bolton Disaster Inquiry

London, March 31.
Mr. R. Moolwyn Hughes, King's Counsel, who is conducting the inquiry into the Bolton Football ground disaster, today inspected the enclosure where 33 people were killed and 500 injured during the Cup-tie on March 9. Afterwards, further evidence was given at the resumed inquiry about the day's scenes.

Chief Inspector Thomas Toolill of the Bolton Police, questioned about the record crowd of 69,000, said that he could find no number in the ground again with safety but not under the conditions which existed on March 9.
He estimated that both inside and outside the ground on that day 20,000 were between 85,000 and 90,000 people.

Inspector Herbert O'Gee, in charge of the police on duty, said that when the situation became difficult he hurried outside to try to open the gate to let the people out.
Asked his opinion as to what had caused the dangerous situation, he replied that he thought the people who were coming into the ground had pressed down on the people who were already on the ground.
The court adjourned until Monday.—Reuter.

Warfare Of Nerves Going On

Middlebury, Mar. 31.
Senator Austin, Republican of Vermont, in an address prepared for the Middlebury College Cultural Conference, described American-Russian relations as a "warfare of nerves."
He said: "We have the choice between appeasement of Russia and neutralisation of Russia's fears," adding that "Russia's iron curtain of exclusion, plus her espionage upon her Allies, probably will be met by an offer to share with her our secrets regarding atomic energy as soon as an effective safeguard against the use of the bomb can be established internationally."—Associated Press.

Germans Not To Enter Jewish Camps

Frankfurt, March 31.
Gen. Joseph Goebbels, United States commander in the European theatre, suspended yesterday authorisation for German police to enter Jewish displaced persons camps to make searches and arrests.
The order said that henceforth such activity will be conducted only by U. S. military personnel in the American zone.
The order was issued pending complete investigation of the outbreak of violence at Stuttgart in which one Jew was killed and four injured, during a "black market" raid on the displaced persons camp.
In Washington Congressman Walter New York Democrat, said he would demand "summary action" against all U. S. army personnel who allowed German police to raid the camp in the American zone. He declared it was "outrageous" that the harassed people in the camp "should have meted to them the same treatment under American authority as their bitter portion during the Hitler regime."—Associated Press.

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LONDON, MARCH 30.
A.J. CUMMINGS, POLITICAL COMMENTATOR OF THE "NEWS CHRONICLE," SAID IN AN ARTICLE TODAY THAT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF UNDERDOGS IN ASIA WILL SEE IN COMMUNISM THE SIMPLEST MEANS OF ESCAPING FROM MATERIAL WRETCHEDNESS.
BUT HE REGARDS THE LABOUR PARTY EXECUTIVES REJECTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S PROPOSED AFFILIATION AS DUE TO AN "EXAGGERATED RESPECT FOR COMMUNIST CUNNING AND A LOW ESTIMATION OF THE STOLID LOYALTIES OF BRITISH WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MASS."

Indonesia Talks At The Hague

Batavia, March 31.
Dutch-Indonesian negotiations will be transferred to The Hague, with the Netherlands East Indies lieutenant governor general Hubertus van Mook, the special British envoy, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, and three Indonesian representatives leaving here on April 4, an official statement disclosed yesterday.
The statement said "Discussions of the plenary session this afternoon showed the viewpoints concerning the Indonesian future now have become close enough to justify a visit to the Netherlands by Dr. Van Mook in order to consult his government. In order to facilitate consultations and seek a means of bridging the remaining difficulties, Prime Minister Sutan Sjahrir has designated three representatives to go to the Netherlands at the same time."
The common conjecture is that a tentative agreement involves concessions by both Dutch and Indonesian. The former probably agreeing to technical recognition of Indonesia as an independent republic and the latter willing to let the Dutch continue to control some branches of the Indies government.—Associated Press.

SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS

Teheran, March 31.
Soviet troops by the thousands, with artillery and truckloads of supplies, were moving eastward today from Kharzin through the mountain passes leading to the port of Pahlevi on the Caspian sea.
Kharzin, former Russian army headquarters in Iran, appeared almost completely evacuated.
Prince Mosir Firouz told newspaper today that Premier Gavan "is satisfied with Russian evacuation progress but is anxious for Iran to be free of foreign troops as soon as possible."—Associated Press.

MAHARAJA IN MALTA

Malta, March 31.
The Maharaja of Baroda, with the Maharani and their son Mahendra Kumar, have arrived at Malta from Cairo in a special aircraft.
They left Baroda on Wednesday and called at Raas and Cairo. They are leaving for Britain to spend on holiday.—Reuter.

CARDINAL TIEN RETURNING

Shannon Airport, Eire, Mar. 31.
Cardinal Thomas Tien, who is on his way back to China from his recent visit to Rome, left Shannon Airport this evening for New York. Cardinal Tien will stay in New York for about a week as guest of Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.
The Cardinal had been held up in Paris for two days due to Aurora Borealis interference with aviation communications.—Reuter.

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London, March 31.
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(Labour, South Croydon) argued that the prohibition
against British soldiers marrying German or Austrian
women which the bill perpetuated was contrary to
common law.
The Chairman, Major Milner, ruled the subject out of
order. Colonel Rees Williams said he would bring the
matter up again on the estimates.

The Independent Labour Par-
ty member, Rev. C. Stephen,
moved an additional clause to
provide that a soldier on ser-
vice in a foreign country who
became absent without leave and
who did not surrender or was
not apprehended within 12
months should be presumed to
have been killed on active ser-
vice if his relatives testified
they had no knowledge of his
whereabouts.

The Financial Secretary of
the War Office, Mr. Bellenger,
said in reply that such a clause
would be tantamount to a high
court decision to presume death
though in civilian cases seven
years had to elapse before such
a decision could be obtained.

Mr. Stephen withdrew his
proposed clause.

Mr. J. McGovern (Labour
Party, Cheltenham) moved an
amendment to eliminate the
death penalty and sentences of
penal servitude over three
years. He said there had been
severe and some savage ac-
tances.

Sicily "Mutiny"

"There was the outstanding
case last year when 200 men
were sentenced for what was
called a mutiny in Sicily," he
said. "They were taken to
North Africa and finally sen-
tenced to very long periods of
penal servitude."

Secretary for War, Sir James
Grigg, gave a letter in which
he said that only in one case
was a man still imprisoned and
others had gone back to their
units.

"It turned out that that was
a completely false statement.
When challenged in the Lobby,
Grigg made the amazing de-
fence that he made this false
statement out of deference to
the men concerned and their
dependants. I received scores
of letters from men afterwards
who were in every part of this
country imprisoned."

A number of Opposition mem-
bers rose to reply to Mr. Mc-
Govern's attack on the former
Minister and Mr. K. W. M.
Pickthorn (Conservative) said:

"No Secretary for War had a
greater sense of fairness and
justice for fighting men."
The Under-Secretary for Air,
Mr. Stracey, replying, said
court martial sentences could
not be changed without making
considerable alterations in civil
law also.

The motion was rejected and
the Bill read a third time.—
Reuter.

Anglo-Egyptian
Talks

Cairo, March 31.

The British Ambassador to
Egypt, Sir Ronald Campbell,
who is to head the British de-
legation to the coming treaty
revision negotiations between
Britain and Egypt, today paid a
formal visit to the Egyptian
Prime Minister.

After the meeting, which lasted
three quarters of an hour,
he told Reuter that the treaty
revision conversations would be-
gin "as soon as possible."

Talks for the revision of the
1936 treaty will deal with the
Egyptian demands for the evan-
guishment of British troops from
Egypt and the "unity of the
Nile Valley," which involved
the status of Sudan.

Sir Ronald later today will
see the Egyptian Foreign Min-
ister and he is expected to see
King Farouk tonight. The
Egyptian Prime Minister is to
give a dinner in his honour.—
Reuter.

U.S. Consul-Gen.
For Shanghai

San Francisco, Mar. 31.
Officials of the 12th. Naval
District revealed today that
they had made transportation
arrangements to China for the
new American Consul-General at
Shanghai, Monett Davis and his
family.

Davis will also serve as Coun-
sellor of the Embassy, with the
personal rank of Minister. The
new consul-general left from San
Pedro aboard the navy trans-
port "General John Pope" yes-
terday.

David served with the United
States Legation in Shanghai in
1935 and 1936. He began his
career as consul at Port Eliza-
beth, South Africa, in 1921.
Upon his discharge from the
United States army where he
held the rank of first lieutenant,
his last diplomatic post was as
American Minister to Denmark,
from May 1945 to February
1946.—Associated Press.

NO MAJOR WAR
FOR 40 YEARS

Prague, March 31.
There will be no major war in the
next 40 or 50 years, President Edouard
Benes predicted before a delegation of
visitors from the northwest border region
of Czechoslovakia yesterday. He said
that none of the great powers "cares to
risk starting" a war.
Benes observed that the present gen-
eration of Germans will not change.
Consequently he said the borderland must
be inhabited by the most reliable Czechs.
He said that world opinion supports the
Associated Press.

Some Things Russia
Cannot Understand

(By Eddy Gilmore)

Moscow, March 31.
Foreign political observers in Moscow are of an almost un-
animous opinion that regardless of the merits of the
case, Russia's position at the United Nations Security
Council can be understood much better here than when
viewed from abroad.

They feel the U.S.S.R. has
difficulty in understanding why
the United States and Britain
should show such an interest in
the question of the Red army
troops in Iran when Britain re-
tains her troops in Greece,
Egypt, Indonesia, the Levant,
Iraq and Palestine and when the
United States maintains "sol-
diers in China and Iceland."

Russia cannot understand
why she should not have con-
cessions in Iran when Britain
and the United States en-
joy them there as well as in
other parts of the Middle East.
Russians feel the United
States and Britain are using
the Security Council meeting to
apply pressure on Russia and to
try to embarrass her before the
world.

Soviet Union observers say
that they feel the two countries
are violating the principle of
"equality of nations" to which
Stalin referred in a recent in-
terview. They are also of the
opinion that the Security Coun-
cil gave Russia and Iran a direc-
tive to settle the question
bilaterally, and that this was
being done but that by bringing
the case before the council the
United States and Britain are
trying to take advantage of a
legal technicality.

Not Withdrawn

Although the Russian delegate
withdrew from the Security
Council hearings on the Iran
question, observers are of the
strong opinion that Russia will
not withdraw from the United
Nations or the Security Coun-
cil.
It is believed here that Russia
is "one of the great countries
which would not leave the
peace settlement or see it
come to an end."

India Talks
Under Way

(By Fraser Wighton)

New Delhi, March 31.

The British Cabinet Mission
which has come to India with
wide powers to negotiate for
the country's independence,
began talks with Indian poli-
tical leaders today.

Sir Stafford Cripps, President
of the Board of Trade and a
member of the Commission,
made the first formal contact
when he met Dr. Mohammed
Ali Jinnah, President of the All
India Muslim League. Their
talk, which lasted a considerable
time, took place at Dr. Jinnah's
palatial bungalow.

The next formal appointment
is on Monday, when Mahatma
Gandhi is due in New Delhi
from Poona. He is leaving by
a special train to-day, after re-
ceiving letters from Sir Staf-
ford Cripps and Lord Pethick
Lawrence, Secretary of State
for India, who is also a member
of the Commission.

Speaking in the Upper House
of the Indian Legislature to-day,
Sir Mahomed Osman, a member
of the Viceroy's Executive Coun-
cil, said: "The Cabinet Mission
is here to help us but we have
also to help the Cabinet Mis-
sion by trying to come to a
common agreement among our-
selves."

"The idea of by-passing the
Muslim League, which one hears
so often, should be given up if
the Mission is to succeed in its
task."

"The structure of the new con-
stitution, he added, had to be
built on the willing partnership
at least of two communities—
Hindus and Muslims—and that
partnership could be in a single
union if possible or in separate
unions if necessary.—Reuter.

Tokyo, March 31.

Crown Prince Akihito left today
for Hanayama where the imperial
family planned its first reunion
since the surrender. Japanese
sources said the emperor and
other members of the family will
leave tomorrow for a 10-day vaca-
tion at Hanayama palace, where
they will be joined by the empress
dowager.—Associated Press.

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